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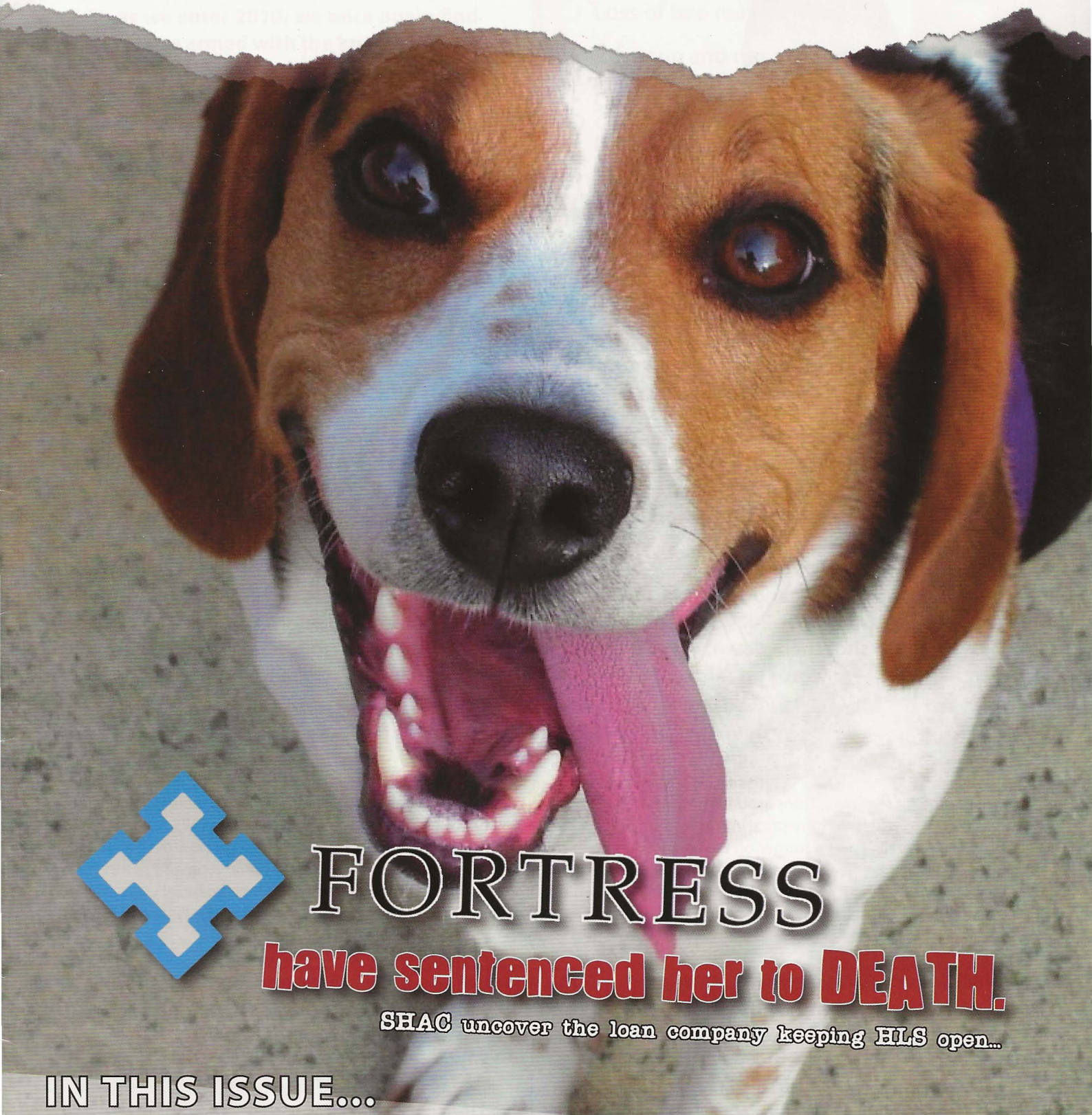

FORTRESS

have sentenced her to DEATH.

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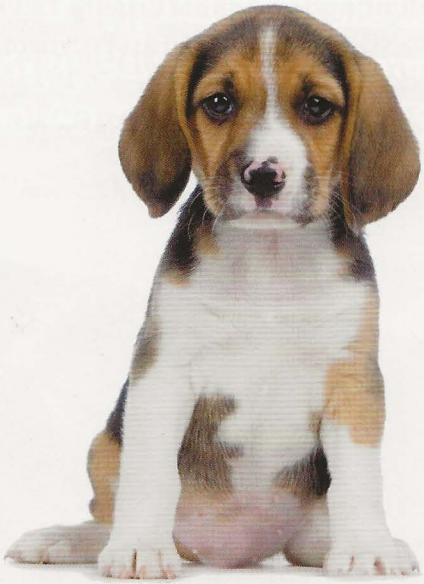


3 UK national protests

4 global weeks of action

12 global days of action

25 countries

940+ demos

2009 Review

2009 has been a monumental year for the campaign against Huntingdon Life Sciences, with several tactical victories which have set us up to hammer HLS in 2010. This year we saw protests on every inhabited continent on the planet, totalling over 940 protests in 25 separate countries. The year saw countless demo tours, banner drops, special cruelty awards and relentless anger against the abuse carried out by HLS.

Hot on the heels of yet another expose in late 2008, during which HLS were caught abusing primates, it was no surprise that 2009 started badly for HLS - with five more countries joining the global movement to shut them down. With 2009 seeing tactical targeting forcing HLS to become a private company, HLS now face an uncertain 2010 in which we now have the chance to truly determine whether this hell-hole remains open, or closes down for good.

As well as the increase in actions around the world, 2009 has been an incredible year for the campaign, as strategic targeting of shareholders forced HLS' share price into free fall, resulting in a rushed buyout of the company by their own CEO Andrew Baker. This means that HLS are no longer on any stock exchange, and have no shareholders. When you consider how desperate HLS were to get onto the prestigious New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), to have now been forced to become a private company is the last thing they wanted. As can be seen from their own documentation, created by an independent financial consultancy, it happened because the only other option left to them was bankruptcy. You can read more about this in our Financial section (pg 11 - 12).

HLS' financial documents detailed the huge effect of the SHAC campaign on their share price, costs, revenue, potential customers and ability to gain any financial supporters at all, leaving them with no choice but to buy themselves out as a private company.

Just when things couldn't seem to get better (or worse if you are HLS!), SHAC made another huge breakthrough. In 2006 HLS were saved from imminent closure by a massive loan after SHAC caused their previous lender, Stevens Inc, to pull out. HLS (and the new lender) were so keen to keep this a secret that a company in Luxembourg were employed to create an entirely fictitious company named Anchor Sub Funding. The lender set up a second front company called Progress to try and further muddy the waters. After 3 years of diligent research, SHAC traced both companies back to the Fortress Investment Group, based in New York. It is interesting to note that the Chairman of Fortress is Andrew Baker's next door neighbour!

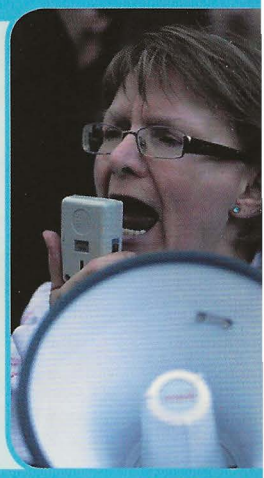
In early 2009, HLS were unable to make one of their loan repayments to Fortress and were once again teetering on bankruptcy.

Unfortunately, Fortress let them off and have even extended the loan. If they were to call this loan back in, HLS would have few, if any, options left to refinance, and therefore wouldn't remain open. On top of this, HLS' only other revenue, from operating profit from customers, has continued to drop during 2009.

So as we enter 2010, we once again find ourselves armed with the knowledge we need to deliver a finishing blow to HLS, as all that stands between the animals and freedom are Fortress, and HLS' top customers.

Huntingdon at a glance

- $100+ million in debt
- Forced to become private
- Loss of two major contracts
- Revenue and net profit down
- Costs and expenses up
- Near bankruptcy



2009 has been an incredible year in which we have had the SHAC City Shakedown national demo in the heart of London, World Day for Laboratory Animals and Operation Liberation outside HLS' rabbit and ferret supplier, Highgate Farm. People's anger at HLS has been truly inspirational, as globally groups came together to participate in focused days and weeks of action, designed to target the support pillars keeping HLS afloat. The effect has been, and will continue to be clearly visible as we move into the final stages in the fight to smash HLS. There can be no quick fix to demolishing a multinational company who have rather dubious governmental backing, but a brief look over the historic and monumental victories of the SHAC campaign show how much can be achieved with commitment and passion. Every action you take could be the one that drives the final nail.

HLS' financials - overview

- **HLS' revenues** for the third quarter of 2009 were 13.3% below the third quarter results of 2008. For the nine months ending September 30th, 2009 revenues decreased by 10.5% compared to the same period in the previous year.
- **Operating income** for the third quarter was 57.9% down on the same period in 2008, whilst net income was 52.4% down.
- **Book to bill ratio** is a way of quantifying how productive a company is. If a company has a book to bill ratio of 1 then they are operating a full capacity. In HLS' case this would mean all of their labs are being used and all of their staff are busy. Ideally the book to bill would be over 1, which would mean the company is working at full capacity and have more work in the pipeline. HLS' book to bill ratio is 0.84. This means they are working 16% under capacity, which directly means less animals being tortured and killed.
- **Overall** HLS' financial status remains atrocious, and with key income down and global pressure up, 2010 remains looking extremely uncertain for HLS.

Looking ahead: 2010

Fortress Investment Group are the reason HLS remain open today, providing them with a lifesaving loan. Fortress are one of the most important campaign targets. HLS are already in debt to Fortress to the sum of millions of dollars, and we need to persuade them to recall their loan to HLS.

Top customers: the loss of any current top customers will result in HLS becoming unable to repay their extensive debts, which should result in them becoming bankrupt and closing down. Top customers for 2010 are:

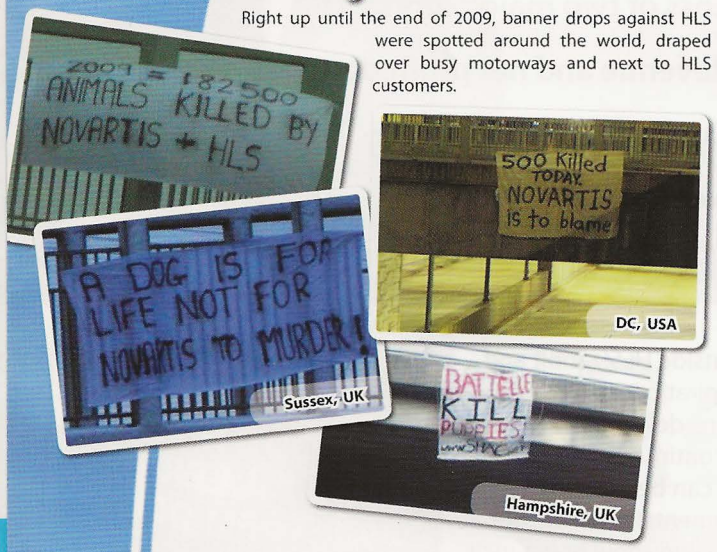
- **AstraZeneca**
- **Bristol-Myers Squibb**
- **Bayer**
- **Schering Plough**

ACTION!

THE PRESSURE CONTINUES AROUND THE WORLD...

Banner drops galore!

Right up until the end of 2009, banner drops against HLS were spotted around the world, draped over busy motorways and next to HLS customers.



Bayer vigil and protest in Russia

Over 20 activists gathered outside Bayer in Moscow for an evening demo and vigil. So many people arrived that they had to split the demo to continue across the road!

SHAC Norway launch

SHAC Norway was launched in December 2009, as part of the growing movement to close down HLS. They have made their debut outside top HLS customers Novartis and AstraZeneca. To find out more, visit their website at:

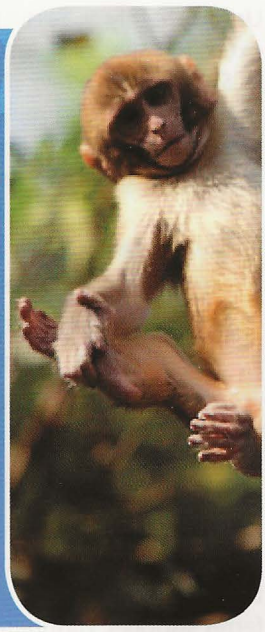
www.shacnorge.net

nepalese monkeys

SAVED!

After a six year campaign, the Gateway to Hell campaign is pleased to announce that the Nepalese Government have halted the breeding of primates for research. The campaign has come a long way with the Nepalese Government initially denying the existence of the farms, which exported primates to the USA for biomedical testing. However following the release of photographs proving their existence, global protests and lobbying ensued, and the trade from Nepal has now ceased.

Three hundred primates who were waiting to be exported to labs in the US for biomedical research were released back in to the wild where they belong.



>> Legal victory against HLS

US group In Defense of Animals have won a landmark victory against the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and HLS after a seven year legal battle involving the Freedom of Information Act. The USDA have been ordered by a federal judge to disclose 1,017 pages of records obtained during an investigation of HLS.

The records – 503 pages withheld in full, 514 withheld in part (with most heavily redacted) – include test results, notes of observations of primates involved in toxicology testing. As we go to print, the documents have not yet been disclosed.

>> DUMPED HLS...

- **Biocair** | HLS supplier
- **Arpida** | HLS customer
- **Morgan Stanley** | Top HLS shareholder
- **BDO** | HLS financial supporter

>> Want to ditch HLS?

Just write to us or email us with a statement saying you are no longer dealing with HLS and will not be dealing with them again in the future.

info@shac.net

>> Campaign Overview

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) is Europe's largest animal testing laboratory. HLS kill, maim and mutilate 500 animals every day in barbaric experiments.

HLS are the most exposed animal testing laboratory in the world, with seven separate undercover investigations spanning from 1989 to 2009, each discovering routine cruelty and abuse. HLS were famously exposed in 1997 when Channel 4 filmed undercover in their Cambridge Laboratory. They filmed workers punching beagle puppies in the face, falsification of data, unhygienic conditions and animal suffering. When workers spoke out in 2005, they said the same practices and behaviour were still commonplace.

In 2008 SHAC obtained research papers revealing that HLS were testing more artificial sweeteners, cleaning chemicals and mushroom extract as well as studies in to beagle pain syndrome. HLS have been exposed in 2009 by Animal Defenders International (ADI), who witnessed monkeys routinely ill from stress; chewing off their own fingers, vomiting faeces and collapsing. ADI also investigated the appalling conditions in which HLS' monkeys are bred and transported.

It is legal in a UK laboratory to burn, electrocute, starve, shoot and poison animals. Your M.P. and the RSPCA have no right of access to any UK laboratory, and Section 24 of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 states that if anyone publicises what they have seen inside any UK laboratory they can be imprisoned for up to two years. What do these places have to hide?

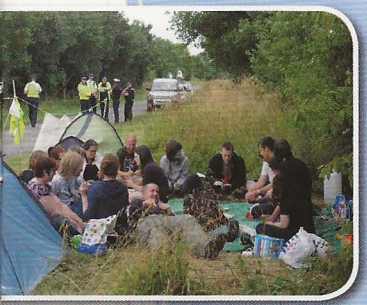
Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) formed in 1999 to close HLS. SHAC have had some incredible successes, with hundreds of companies no longer dealing with the lab. At present, HLS do not even have a banker or insurance company - the UK Government acts as both using taxpayers money. HLS are millions of dollars in debt and many global companies have dropped HLS, including HSBC, Barclays, Lloyds TSB, Natwest, UBS, Marsh and Citigroup. The best way to stay up to date with the most recent developments of the campaign along with all the demonstrations arourd the world is to check out our website. You can also find listings of all HLS' customers and suppliers on our website at **www.shac.net**.

Highgate Farm

protest camp

A bright and early Monday morning, with the sun shining down on them, eight campaigners arrived at Highgate Rabbit Farm in Market Rasen, Lincolnshire. This was to be no ordinary SHAC protest, but a camp to raise local awareness and put pressure on the farm to close.

Highgate Rabbit Farm primarily supply rabbits to animal research organisations, but have also supplied ferrets and pigs in thepast. Their main contract is with Intervet (a company owned by HLS customer Shering Plough), but they also have a verbal contract with HLS to supply rabbits on a regular basis.



As soon as activists arrived, they cordoned off land near the entrance of Highgate Farm, put up their tents and banners, and began their occupation. The owner of the farm, Geoffrey Douglas noticed the camp immediately - obviously, that lead to a quick phone call to the police to ask them to pack up the camp.

Mr Douglas thought he could use the police as private security to disrupt and prevent the peaceful protest taking place - however he was very wrong. After a quick visit from the Chief Inspector, campaigners learned that the police would facilitate the camp and even offered to lay on refreshments!

The campers were able to keep the world up to date with camp life with live updates on the SHAC website, which was followed with great interest by the global animal rights movement and local media. By early afternoon, news of the camp had reached local residents, some of whom joined the camp, others were phoning the camp mobile to let them know they were on their way to the camp to take part.

On the first afternoon, the local paper had been down to take photos and get interviews, as well as TV crews for the local news. In the evening police questioned activists about Highgate Farm posters appearing all over the local villages, which must have been local residents since activists had not left the camp all day. As the first night approached, the police begged activists not to visit the farm in the middle of the night, and lit the whole premises up like a christmas tree!

By the second day Mr Douglas was obviously not happy about the police's lack of action, and decided to ring the council to see if they would pack up the camp. The council came down at tea time, and told the campers they were going to court in the morning to get them evicted for having an illegal encampment. This very much angered the campaigners who vowed to stay and resist all attempts to disrupt the camp, on hearing the news, more campers vowed to attend to help resist any eviction.

On day three, campers were braced to resist eviction; mid-morning they spotted someone from the council approaching the camp, and were expecting to be read a notice to leave. However, on arrival it seemed that the council had just popped down to donate some bin bags to the camp to help keep everything tidy!

As some campers visited the local villages to top up on food before BBC radio were due to arrive, they noticed that the camp was front page news in the local paper. It was a very positive article, and it was noted that Mr Douglas was pledging to write an article for the paper "justifying" the "veterinary" research his animals are used in. As soon as we read this, we immediately wrote to the paper ourselves with details of research papers in which Highgate Farm rabbits had been used. One particular paper we found involved shipping rabbits over to Italy to test aspirin - a very pointless experiment considering aspirin in its marketed form has been widely used since 1899, and so there would be a plethora of non invasive data that could be obtained from humans who have taken the drug. Not surprisingly Mr Douglas' article failed to appear.

MARKET
Rasen Mail

PROTEST CAMP AT RABBIT FARM

The pressure was clearly felt at the farm, as on the Wednesday night, a shot rabbit with a rope tied around his or her neck was thrown from the direction of the farm. This sick kind of action is very telling of the kind of people we are dealing with. Those residing at the farm clearly have no respect for life whatsoever and have a disgusting mentality. On the thursday morning local CID visited the camp, not to speak to protesters, but to interview those at the farm about the incident with the rabbit.

The camp was due to end on the friday, but as some campaigners were leaving, others were arriving and it was decided to extend the camp to the end of sunday when 23 activists maintained the protest. All in all a very successful and peaceful action which created vast amounts of local publicity resulting it lots of requests for information about HLS and Highgate Farm. If you would like to attend future camps against HLS targets, please contact the campaign with your contact details and we'll be in touch. You can also help the Highgate rabbits and ferrets by politely contacting Mr Douglas using the below details and asking him to stop supplying animals for vivisection.

Monday 27th July 2009: The camp arrives outside Highgate Farm

>> **Contact** the killer

FAO Geoffrey Douglas
Highgate Farm
Highgate lane
Normanby-by-Spital
Market Rasen
Lincolnshire
LN8 2HQ
Tel: 01673 878259 and 01673 878232

monday 27th july 2009

GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST AstraZeneca

>> chile

Despite an overzealous policeman trying to hinder people's right to free speech, activists visited the offices of AstraZeneca in Santiago, where they held a lively and loud demo.

>> russia

A big group of Russian activists descended upon AstraZeneca in Moscow, where they let all the surrounding companies know what kind of dirty things AstraZeneca have been up to.

>> sweden

SHAC Sweden continued their regular weekly protests against AstraZeneca, informing them of their abuses against both animals and humans. As part of the special day of action, they also visited Bayer.

>> ireland

In Ireland, a busy AstraZeneca office had another demo. Megaphones were blaring for over an hour and hundreds of leaflets given out, getting the message across loud and clear - drop HLS!

>> uk

AstraZeneca's global offices in London have been a regular site for demos, as well as Luton and Cambridgeshire, where buildings were surrounded and left in no doubt as to the true nature of their dealings with HLS.

even more ACTION!

SHAC Spain deliver the message to AstraZeneca

"At 08:00 am in solidarity for the day of action against AstraZeneca the director of AstraZeneca in Madrid was given a letter delivered in the lobby of the large AstraZeneca building by two activists dressed like executives, leaving a clear message that the animals are not objects of laboratory experiments. Also, in the entrance lobby of the complex, pamphlets were handed out to staff entering the building.

Other protesters gathered opposite for a loud protest with banners and posters and a megaphone was put to good use to inform the whole building and AstraZeneca's neighbours why we were protesting there. We continued our protest outside their building for some time."

Nine months of protests for Swedish AstraZeneca

SHAC Sweden have been busy, with protests outside AstraZeneca at least once a week for over nine months, giving this sick company a strong message: we're not going to stop until you stop abusing animals!

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EXPOSED

the Chinese hell farms supplying HLS and other labs worldwide

In the UK last year 4,600 experiments were carried out on primates, an increase of 600 compared to the 2007 figures.

At the end of July 2009, The Sunday Mirror published a report on monkey farms in China. China are planning to become the worlds largest exporter of primates for animal research across the globe.

Obscured by hills, and invisible from the road, the farms are kept very secret, so to gain access Mirror reporters posed as business men from the UK who were looking for help in supplying monkeys to labs. They visited the Conghua area of Guangzhou province in China. This area has more than 40 farms, with monkeys arriving from Cambodia to be bred to be sold across the globe.

The reporters witnessed animals packed in to cramped tiny prisons and described the facilities as a "hell farm". The monkeys sell for about £1000, but the cruel farmers spend just 20p a day on their care.

No escape: Monkeys await in cramped, filthy Chinese farms before being shipped to vivisection labs

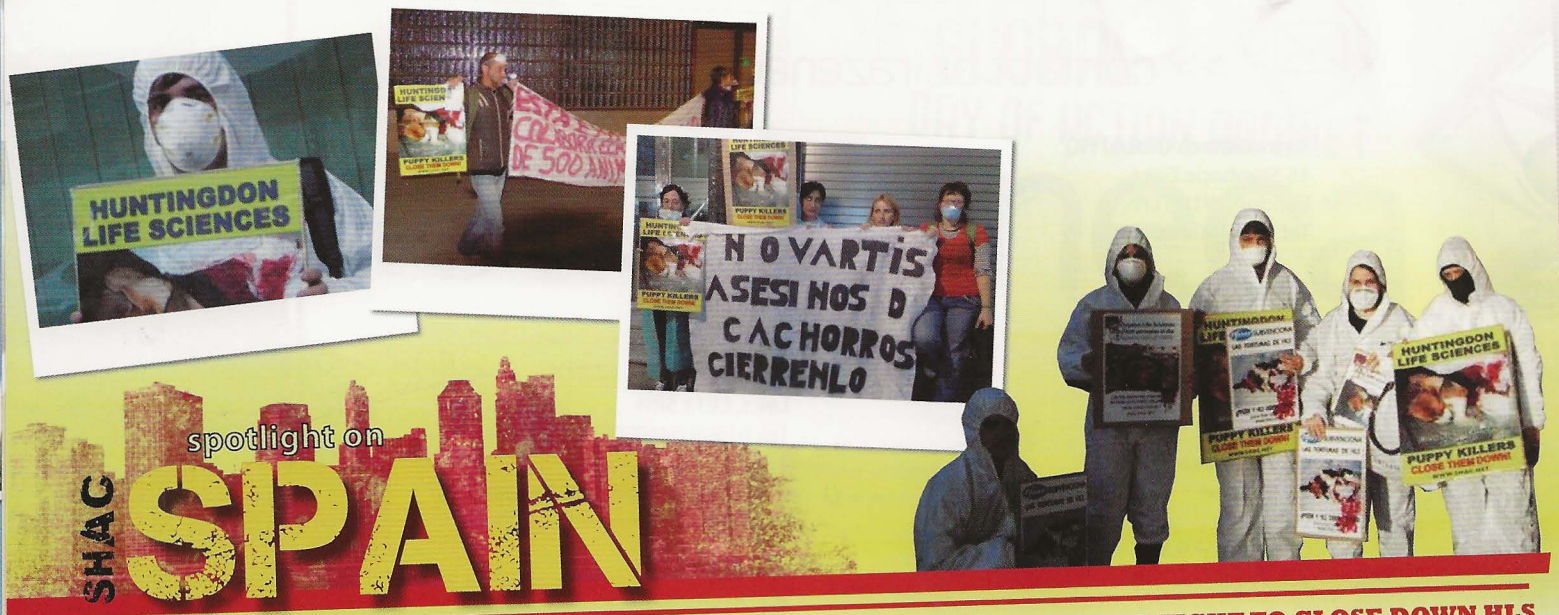
One farm currently being built by the Guangzhou Blooming Spring Biological Technology Development Co is hidden in the countryside; the cages are concealed in a compound which is over a kilometer long, and are surrounded by a 12 foot guarded wall. A farm supervisor pointed out an adjoining hillside boasting that it had just bought, and that it would soon be covered in cages to add to the current facilities which can already house 50,000 primates.

At another camp, the Huazhen Laboratory Center, a manager explained how the UK is now becoming an increasingly important market for Chinese monkey farm owners to crack, and whenever we find controversy we are sure to find reference to HLS. The manager Mr Huazhen told the Mirror that he had already visited an animal laboratory in Huntingdon and that he has no doubt in his mind that China will soon be the most important exporter of monkeys in the world.

Take Action!

You can contact the Chinese Embassy and ask them to stop supporting this cruel trade:

Chinese Embassy
49 - 51 Portland Place London W1B 1JL
Tel: 020 72994049



SHAC spotlight on SPAIN

AS THE GLOBAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO HEAT UP, SPAIN JOINS THE FIGHT TO CLOSE DOWN HLS

SHAC Spain kicked off in late September 2009, with a 20-strong demonstration outside the gates of Sandoz, a Novartis subsidiary. Angry, lab coat-clad activists descended at 7.30am, surrounding the gates and welcoming the workers in and out, letting them know the truth behind the company they worked for. While the police got bored and left, activists attempted to take the site by storm, and tried to push through the gates and security guards. Once Sandoz had got the message, the newly formed SHAC Spain headed to hold an equally angry demo at the home of a top Novartis director.

After protesting at HLS customer Pfizer as part of the Freaky Friday global day of action (see pages 13 and 14), SHAC Spain were busy the next day dishing out the treats for Halloween animal abusers. Three co-ordinated demonstrations against Novartis took place across Spain in one day - covering Barcelona, Bilbao and Madrid.

Since their launch in September, SHAC Spain have been regularly keeping up the pressure on the key customers – mainly Novartis and AstraZeneca, holding eye-catching and passionate demonstrations and distributing information about HLS and vivisection.

To find out more, visit their website at: **www.shac-spain.net**.

SHAC Sweden

DEMO TOUR

5 days >> 5 cities >> 1000 miles

Ciba Vision, Göteborg

A determined team of activists took to the road to protest at top HLS customers AstraZeneca, Novartis and Bristol-Myers Squibb. They also surprised Bayer and Thermo Fisher. For the first four days of the tour, activists demo'd all day long, greeting workers in and out of work at top customer sites across Sweden. Workers were often hysterical when faced with the truth, reversing cars into one another, locking their gates, storming out of offices and running into buildings. One of the protests was outside AstraZeneca's national HQ which is obviously a really important site. The site was locked up as activists circled the premises with protest chants for two hours, leaving workers trapped by themselves into small areas. During the week AZ seemed to spend a lot of time in lock down!

On the fifth day the tour finished off with home demos at the Directors of Novartis and BMS, as well as a home demo outside one of the Directors at AstraZeneca. Activists arrived with placards and megaphones to let everyone know about the Directors' dealings with HLS. The timing was impeccable, as there were about 12 people in the house, perhaps they were having a party - we hope they learned something new about their AZ pal!

AstraZeneca home demo, Stockholm

AstraZeneca, Göteborg

Bristol-Myers Squibb, Göteborg

>> contact bms

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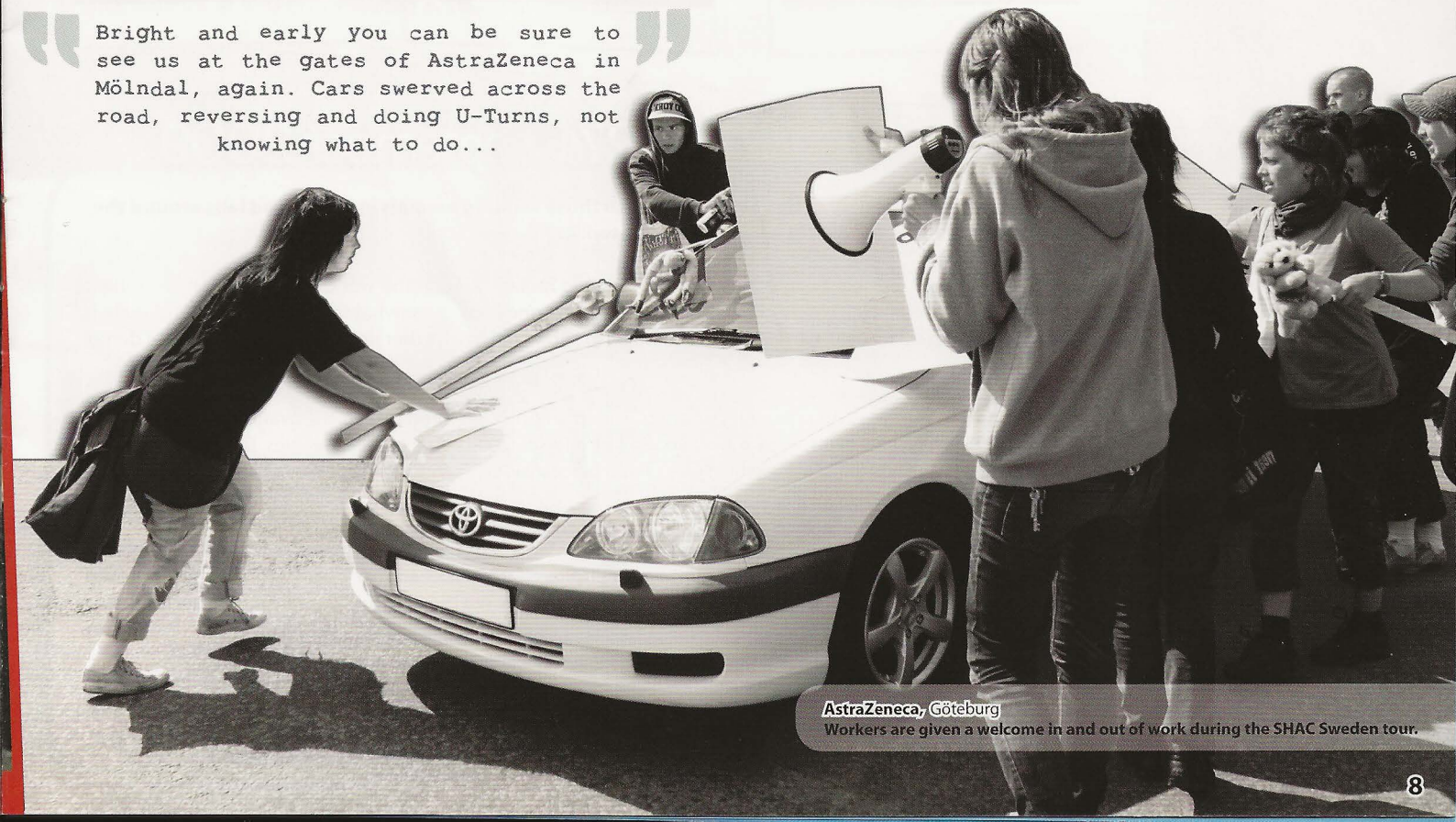
> "Bright and early you can be sure to see us at the gates of AstraZeneca in Mölndal, again. Cars swerved across the road, reversing and doing U-Turns, not knowing what to do..."

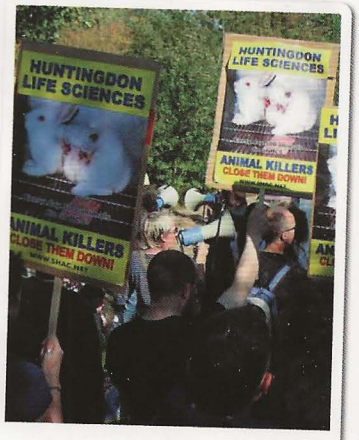

AstraZeneca, Göteborg
Workers are given a welcome in and out of work during the SHAC Sweden tour.

OPERATION LIBERATION

>> **National demo** against Highgate Farm | 26.09.09

In support of local campaigning groups who have been holding regular protests outside Highgate Rabbit Farm in Lincolnshire, SHAC organised a large scale protest as part of our global breeders week of action.

Around 350 protesters turned up at the farm leading protest chants for five hours informing Highgate that they will be closed down. Whilst this was a peaceful and vibrant demo, it was focused on our one aim to shut the farm down and liberate the animals within. With this being a winnable campaign, many protestors pledged to build up the campaign, with regular protests planned for the future.



21st - 27th september 2009

In September we held an animal breeders week of action as a reminder to those sending animals in to HLS and labs around the world that they are on our radar and their vile industry will not be tolerated.

In the UK, one team visited Harlan in Leicester where beagles and rodents are bred for labs around the world. Security ran back to their huts when protesters arrived, they then emerged with their own toy megaphone! No one could hear what they were saying and there is nothing they can say to justify the blood on their hands anyway. This site was also subjected to a further protest after the Highgate demo, which left the site in complete lock down.

Further north the University of Leeds had protests where beagles, rodents, sheep and pigs are bred research. Covance was also visited, as well as being a research laboratory in their own right, their subsidiary Covance Research Products breed beagles, ferrets, rabbits and rodents. The protest was timed during an important meeting which was taking place inside, two megaphones were used to let everyone know that Covance were responsible for the death of thousands of animals.

In Ireland, the National Animal Rights Association took part by carrying out protests at two of Charles River sites, and giving out whistle blower leaflets out in the local area to encourage members of the public and employees to report animal cruelty. Activists were broken hearted by the cries of beagle puppies from the dog sheds, but left determined to close down the hell holes. Staff were invited to justify their disgusting jobs, but no one took them up on the the offer.

Activists in Santiago visited a government facility which carry out tests and supply animals to other laboratories. The police protected the lab, by attempting to stifle the protest, but the brave activists continued. The workers inside were clearly very nervous to see a protest at their facility and the activists were able to leaflet everyone going in and out the building.

MARCH & RALLY against sanofi aventis

Newcastle Animal Rights organised an anti-vivisection day of action with support from groups including Vegi North East, SHAC Birmingham, SHAC Leeds, and Hull Animal Rights.

Around 30 activists met on a friday afternoon in the centre of Newcastle to march against HLS and their customer Sanofi Aventis. A rally was held with stalls in the city centre which received overwhelming public support as hundreds of shoppers gathered to listen to speeches against HLS and Sanofi.

Armed with banners, placards, megaphones and loud voices campaigners made a visual and loud statement against vivisection, the message was clear, "No to animal cruelty, and no to HLS".

Over zealous police decided to interfere with people's right to freedom of expression by storming the rally without warning to arrest a protester. This did nothing but increase public support for the campaign, as angry shoppers watched in horror. Police then resorted to the arrest of another person in an attempt to control the crowds. Members of the public were outraged and pledged their support to the campaign, damning the police's outrageous temper tantrum. Whilst HLS continue to maim and torture animals, people will continue to speak out. Angry and undeterred, the remaining protesters continued on to Sanofi Aventis, where passionate and loud chants belted out for over three hours, naming and shaming them for their dealings with HLS. Some activists were not aware of the current high court injunction obtained by Sanofi and managed to head towards the site entrance to protest, slipping past police. The rest of the group stood opposite letting Sanofi know that dealing with HLS means dealing with protests.

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ANIMAL BREEDER week of action

Scotland: Charles River Labs

Ireland: Charles River Labs

Spain: Sandoz (Novartis)

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Meanwhile, SHAC Spain was relaunched as part of this week of action, targeting a Sandoz (Novartis) office and also carrying out a demonstration at the home of a top Novartis director. Around 20 activists swarmed the demo sites, trying to storm the Sandoz office and making everyone very aware of their presence!

Scottish activists went to Inveresk, an animal testing laboratory which is part of Charles River, who are a huge breeder of animals for vivisection. Despite the poor weather, they held an upbeat and noisy demo outside this animal abusing hell-hole, making the point loud and clear - vivisection is not tolerated!

HLS' financials - got that sinking

Your questions answered

1) What is the Plymouth report?

The Plymouth report is a document which comprehensively evaluates HLS' financial situation, released in summer 2009. It looks in depth at their current situation as well as all alternative courses of action for them and projected outcomes. Overall, it paints an incredibly negative picture for HLS, and the fact they tried to stop it being published shows what a desperate state they are in.

2) Who wrote it?

The Plymouth Report was written by an independent financial company, who were commissioned by HLS.

3) Why was it written?

The Plymouth report was written as a presentation to the directors of HLS, and their shareholders. Primarily due to the loss of custom as a result of SHAC campaigning, and losing all of their top shareholders following our focused shareholder campaign, HLS had defaulted on loan repayments and were at risk of being delisted from the New York Stock Exchange, who had already kicked them off once due to SHAC. As a result HLS' own CEO, Andrew Baker, made an offer to buy out the company. The Plymouth report was needed to prove to the directors and shareholders that there was no other viable choice to keep HLS open.

Plymouth Report: Summary

- HLS contacted 50 companies to see if anyone would be interested in an unspecified business transaction. Eight parties, including Andrew Baker, responded.
- Of these parties, four withdrew as soon as they found out that the proposed deal was a buyout.
- Another two companies withdrew due to "animal rights concerns", leaving just Andrew Baker and one other animal research company, both offering $7.50 per share.
- When pressed to raise their offer, the other company stopped responding to HLS' communications, leaving just Andrew Baker's offer. No companies in the world had any interest in merging with HLS in any form.
- It was made clear that to continue as they are, HLS would risk low liquidity, risk of delisting from the NYSE, risk of defaulting on their debts, and being stuck in a nano-cap trap (meaning they are the smallest type of company, with no opportunity for growth).
- The report also analyses HLS' prior views of themselves and shows them to be false, highlighting that there is no way of their nano-cap trap and that they are operating substantially below their peers (between 40-50% lower).
- As a direct result of the SHAC campaign, HLS find it hard to locate willing directors, they find it hard to get and keep customers.

Timeline of the loans

- **January 2001** - RBS/Natwest write off £12m loan for just £1. Stephens Inc step in to provide a new loan.
- **January 2002** - Stephens Inc cancel their loan.
- **2006** - HLS announce they have a new $70m loan, which they have gone to incredible lengths to keep secret.
- **2009** - SHAC track down and unmask the new lenders: Fortress.

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Baker Buyout Timeline

- **March 2009** - HLS couldn't make their regular loan payment due to loss of customers.
- **Throughout 2009** - HLS were at risk of being delisted from the NYSE due to SHAC's shareholder campaign.
- **March 2009** - Baker proposes buyout.
- **Early 2009** - HLS commissions the Plymouth report - no other alternative financial options were found.
- **November 2009** - Shareholders vote in favour of the Baker Buyout going ahead.
- **November 2009** - Andrew Baker borrows over $100m to buy out the shareholders.
- **November 2009** - HLS are now a private company, owned by Baker with no shareholders.

HLS Lenders Exposed

When HLS negotiated their new loan in 2006, they were very keen to ensure that the new lender remained anonymous. Whilst the lender had to be mentioned in the Plymouth report, steps were taken to maintain anonymity. Two companies were named as being the lenders; Anchor Sub Funding and Progress. Anchor Sub Funding turned out to have been set up in Luxembourg by a financial company called BDO. Once this was ascertained, BDO rapidly cut all ties with HLS and wound down Anchor. However, it was immediately clear that they had been employed by a third party, the real lenders, to create Anchor as a shell company. Ultimately the paper trail led right back, quite literally, to Andrew Bakers doorstep. His next door neighbour is the chairman of the Fortress Investment Group, and it was them who had set up both Anchor and Progress (and later a third shell company called River Partners) to loan the money to HLS. Prior to their identity becoming public, Fortress had agreed to extend the loan beyond the original repayment date of 2011, due to HLS' inability to come up with the cash. The Plymouth report has confirmed that HLS have "few, if any, financing alternatives" if they lose Fortress, who, according to the report, may ditch HLS once we have identified them... which we now have done.

>> Contact Fortress Investment Group

New York

Fortress Investment Group LLC
1345 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10105
United States
Tel: +1 212 798 6100

London

Fortress Investment Group LLC
5 Savile Row
London
W1S 3PD
Tel: 0207 290 5600

Los Angeles

Fortress Investment Group LLC
10250 Constellation Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90067-6223,
United States
Tel: (310) 228-5440

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TOP CUSTOMER Week of Action

Demonstrations in:
- England
- Ireland
- Spain
- Russia
- Chile
- USA
- Sweden
- The Netherlands

Sweden

Activists hung a massive 5m x 2m banner on a busy bridge next to AstraZeneca. It reads 'AstraZeneca torture animals'.

Bristol-Myers Squibb, Stockholm

Novartis, Stockholm

USA

5 days of demos and

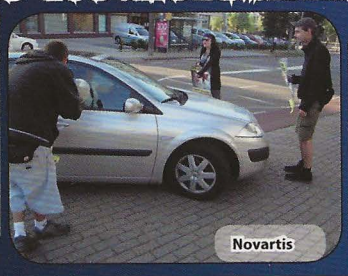
DARTT activists in DC were outside top HLS customers for all five days of the week of action.

Novartis offices in central DC had daily protests, with frequent demos outside the homes of influential Novartis staff members. Sanofi Aventis were also protested against for their sick dealings with HLS.

The week of action was finished off with a triple banner drop. At 5.45am, three large banners were hung above busy motorways near to Novartis.

AstraZeneca

The Netherlands



Novartis

FREAKY FRIDAY
Day of Action

Spain: Pfizer

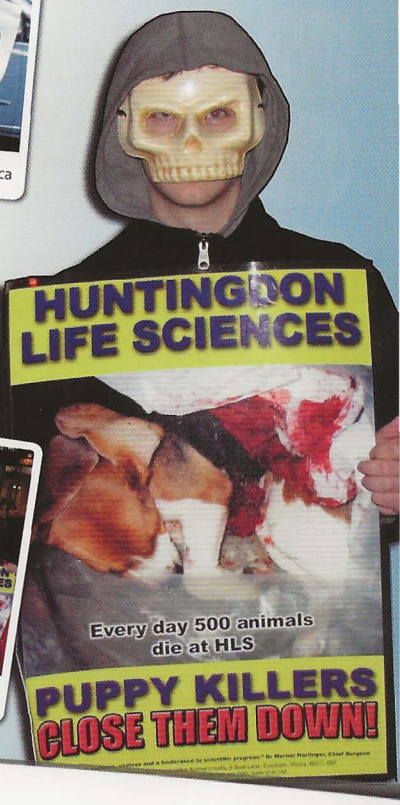
Sweden: Novartis

France: Bristol-Myers Squibb + AstraZeneca

Ireland: Novartis

DC: Sanofi, BMS, Abbott + Novartis

New York: Bristol-Myers Squibb + Novartis



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... saw around 100 protesters marching through central ... outside Novartis itself for speeches and a chance for ...heir anger towards such a disgraceful company.

Conference disrupted

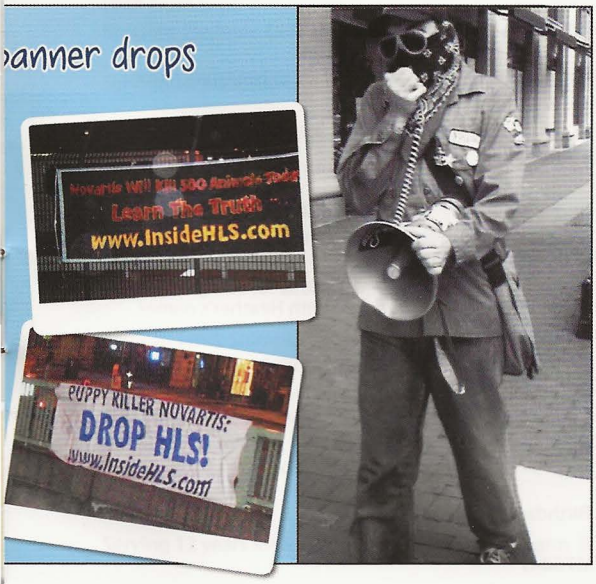
In Los Angeles, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) were holding a prestigious conference. Unfortunately for them, HLS decided to attend – and so did SHAC.

When the AAPS caught wind of possible protest at the conference, they e-mailed attendees warning them to be vigilant, and ensure all doors were closed and locked. But little did they know, activists had already obtained passes to the convention and mapped out the entire layout of the event.

On the very first day of the conference, HLS were welcomed as they should be for a company that murders individuals for profit: Activists split into two teams, and while HLS' exhibit booth was disrupted from doing business of any kind, a ten foot banner reading 'HLS: DEAL WITH THEM, DEAL WITH US' was unfurled over the busy food court. Much to the sheer embarrassment of HLS, hundreds of flyers were then thrown from the balcony, raining down upon their potential customers and colleagues.

The following days of the conference did not improve for HLS. Over 60 activists had the building surrounded for the entire 3-day span of the event, demonstrating constantly. Activists continually stormed the building, and were even present and the AAPS Dinner Reception for a continuous 5 hours of anger and chanting. So embarrassed by being shown up for the murderers they truly are, HLS actually left the conference a day early – something previously never seen before and at great cost to them.

...anner drops



Russia

Bristol-Myers Squibb

Бристол-Майерс
ОПАСНЫЕ ПЫТКИ
ЖИВОТНЫХ!

Spain

Sandoz (Novartis)

Chile

Brisol-Myers Squibb

Help SHAC

>> Industry
If you work in the pharmaceutical, biotech or R&D industries you may be able to access industry documents such as the Laboratory Buyers Guide, or unpublished research papers from HLS. If you have ever worked at HLS, you could provide your testament as to what it is like in the laboratories.

>> Financial
If you work in the financial sector you may be able to give us information on HLS' financial situation. For example, you may be able to expose incidents which we could use to challenge HLS on a legal level.

>> Services
If your company can provide SHAC with any discounted services, please let us know. We often use a wide range of products and services, so even if you think we won't need what you have to offer, you may be surprised.

Action!

>> Demonstrations
There are SHAC demonstrations up and down the UK and also in many countries around the world. If you'd like to get involved, or organise demos in your area, just get in touch and we'll send you campaign materials for free to help you get started.

>> Leaflet stalls, street collections and benefit gigs
If you can hold street collections for SHAC in your local town, please let us know and we will help you to arrange it. If you are in a band, or are a promotor please consider organising a benefit gig for SHAC. If you let us know in advance we can advertise it on our website, Myspace and Facebook.

>> Sponsorship and standing orders
You could also consider a sponsored event to help raise money for SHAC. Sponsor forms are available on our website, or we can post some to you. If you haven't already, please consider setting up a standing order to SHAC, as a regular income makes it a lot easier to plan ahead for essential campaign work and ordering materials. There is a standing order form at the back of this newsletter.

Prisoners of Conscience

UK SHAC Prisoners

Dan Amos (VN7818)
HMP & YOI Guys Marsh
Shaftesbury, SP7 0AH

Serving 4 years. Birthday: 19th November

You can send: P/O's payable to 'HMPS' with Dan's name/number and sender details on back; writing paper (non ringbinder style); stamps, envelopes.

Gregg Avery (TA7450)
HMP Colldingley
Shaftesbury Road
Bisley, Woking, GU24 9EX

Serving 9 years. Birthday: 5th December

Gavin Medd-Hall (WV9475)
HMP Colldingley
Shaftesbury Road
Bisley, Woking, GU24 9EX

Serving 8 years. Birthday: 20th March

You can send: 12 stamps and sae's; chqs/P/O's payable to 'HMP Headquarters' with the Gavin/Gregs's name/number on front and sender details on back.

Dan Wadham (A5705AA)
HMP Camp Hill
Newport, IOW, PO30 5PB

Serving 5 years. Birthday: 3rd February

You can send: Chqs/P/O's payable to 'HMPS' with Dan's name/number and sender details on back.

Natasha Avery (5180AD)
HMP Send
Ripley Road
Woking, GU23 7LJ

Serving 9 years. Birthday: 28th December

You can send: Chqs/P/O's payable to 'The Governor', Write Natasha's name/number on back; stamps & a sae.

Heather Nicholson (VM4859)
HMP Foston Hall
Foston, DE65 5DN

Serving 11 years. Birthday: 30th January

You can send: Chq/P/O's payable to 'The Governor', with Heather's name/number on back; stamps & a sae.

Nicole Vosper (VM9385)
HMP Bronzefield
Woodthorpe Road
Ashford, TW15 3JZ

Awaiting sentencing. Birthday: 15th February

Sarah Whitehead (VM7684)
HMP Bronzefield
Woodthorpe Road
Ashford, TW15 3JZ

Awaiting sentencing. Birthday: 12 February

You can send: Chqs/P/O's payable to 'The Governor'; books, stationery, stamps, saes.

Gerrah Selby - see: www.myspace.com/supportgerrah

Prisoner letter

Thanks so much for the brilliant support. The longer I am in jail, the more mail I get, and it's so wonderful to hear from you all. I'm working in the gardens, which I love. I used to do gardening as a job before I started campaigning against animal cruelty and to have my hands covered in mud again is brilliant. I'm security cleared to go all over the prison planting, pruning, weeding and mowing. Mrs Green Fingers eh!

I know that as long as animals are tortured in labs, have the fur ripped from their bodies, are hunted, terrified, abused, murdered and butchered for man's profit and greed, we will all do what we can to save them.

Lots of love
Natasha xxx

You can write to Natasha at:
Natasha Avery (5180AD), HMP Send, Ripley Road, Woking, Surrey, GU23 7LJ

Prisoner updates

- Sean Kirtley was released from prison following a successful appeal. After serving over 1.5 years, his conviction was overturned and he is now completely free.
- Jonny Ablewhite has moved to a new prison - HMP Hewell.
- Natasha Avery now has a new prisoner number - 5180 AD.
- Jacob Conroy (oversears prisoner) was released to a halfway house.

Other UK Prisoners

Mel Broughton (TN9138)
HMP Frankland
Brasside, Durham, DH1 5YD

Serving 10 years for actions against Oxford University. Birthday: 5th July

You can send: A sae; P/O's made out to "HMPS", with Mel's name/number and sender details on back.

Jonny Ablewhite (TB4885)
HMP Hewell, Hewell Lane, Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6QS

Serving 12 years for actions against Newchurch Farm. Birthday: 27th January

You can send: Stamps, sae's; chqs/P/O's payable to 'HM Prisons', with Jonny's name/number and sender details on back.

John Smith (A4228AC)
HMP Lindholme
Bawtry Road, Hatfield Woodhouse
Doncaster, DN7 6EE

Serving 12 years for actions against Newchurch Farm. Birthday: 6th March

You can send: Chqs/P/O's payable to 'The Governor', with John's name/number and sender details on back.

Kerry Whitburn (TB4886)
HMP Lowdham Grange
Lowdham, NG14 7DA

Serving 12 years for actions against Newchurch Farm. Birthday: 18th April

You can send: Chqs/P/O's payable to "HMP Lowden Grange", with Kerry's name/number and sender details on back; stamps.

Overseas Prisoners

Tre Arrow #70936-065
FCI Herlong, Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 800, Herlong
CA 96113, USA

Serving 7 1/2 years
Birthday: 9th January

Nathan Block #36359-086
FCI Lompoc, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc,
CA 93436, USA

Serving 7 years 8 months. Birthday: 6th March

Lauren Gazzola 93497-011
FCI Danbury, Route #37, 33 1/2 Pembroke, Road, Danbury,
CT 06811, USA

Serving 4 years 4 months. Birthday: 1st May

Jordan Halliday #24836
Cache County Jail, 1225 West Valley View, Highway, Suite 100, Logan, UT 84321, USA

Being held for refusing to testify before a grand jury.

Kevin Kjonaas 93502-011
FCI Sandstone, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072, USA

Serving 6 years. Birthday: 31st October

Marie Mason #04672-061
FCI Waseca, Federal Correctional, Institution, PO Box 1731, Waseca, MN 56093, USA

Serving 21 years and 10 months.

Eric McDavid X-2972521 7E128
FCI Victorville, Medium II, Federal Correctional Institution, PO Box 5300, Adelanto, CA 92301, USA

Serving 20 years. Birthday: 7th October

Daniel McGowan #63794-053
USP Marion, U.S. Penitentiary, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, IL 62959, USA

Serving 7 years. Birthday: 7th October

Jonathan Paul #07167-085
FCI Phoenix, Federal Correctional, Institution, 37910 N 45th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85086, USA

Serving 51 months. Birthday: 31st January

Briana Waters #36432-086
FCI Danbury, Federal Correctional, Institution, Route 37, Danbury, CT 06811, USA

Serving 6 years.

Joyanna Zacher #1662550
FCI Dublin, Federal Correctional Institution, 5701 8th Street, Camp Parks, Unit F, Dublin, CA 94568, USA

Serving 7 years, 8 months. Birthday: 25th January

Kevin Olliff #1300931
TTCF 161 D-Pod, 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA

Birthday: 27th March. Kevin is requesting pictures of the outside along with letters, for not having a window has left him with a complete lack of visual stimulation.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE THEM.

SHAC volunteers work tirelessly, seven days a week to bring an end to suffering like this. With your help, we can save more lives and stop the horrific cruelty going on inside HLS. SHAC is a global campaign that has closed HLS twice and is at the brink of closing them a third time - for good. Funds are an important part of keeping the campaign running; if you could spare any amount, even just £2 a month, we would greatly appreciate it. Don't let HLS get away with murder - take a stand!

standing order form

☐ Please pay the sum of £..... on the ..... day of every month as from ..... /..... /..... to the credit of SHAC.

Signature: _____ **Today's date:** _____

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms): _____ **Tel:** _____

Address: _____

Name and address of your bank: _____

_____ **Postcode:** _____

Your account no.: _____ **Your sort code:** _____

please return completed forms to: shac c/o friend, 89 bush road, east peckham, tonbridge, tn12 5lj

Thanks!

>> Office use only - please don't write in this box

Standing orders must be paid to:

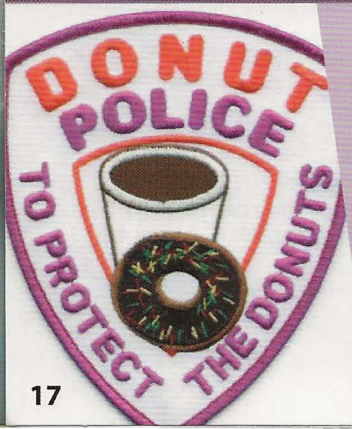
Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) **Account number:** ..... **Sort code:** .....

Bank address: .....

>> e-m@il alerts

Want to keep up to date with the latest news and upcoming days of action? Sign up to free e-mail alerts at:

https://lists.riseup.net/www/subscribe/shac-uk



>> SHAC DISCLAIMER

This newsletter is not intended to encourage illegal activity of any kind. SHAC's intent is to close down HLS by legitimate means only, spreading information and disseminating facts relating to Huntingdon Life Sciences' record of animal cruelty, fraud and incompetence. We believe there is more than enough evidence for the UK Government to withdraw Huntingdon's license and close them down. Readers must bear in mind that certain demonstrations, e.g. home demonstrations and office occupations are now illegal in the UK although they are perfectly legal in other countries, and the inclusion of reports relating to these demo's abroad does in no sense amount to encouragement to do similar demos in the UK.

Companies details are listed for the purpose of readers making informative and polite communications with the companies listed. The details are not intended for repetitive, rude or threatening calls. SHAC is a global organisation and so the laws differ from country to country. Sections 145 and 146 of SOCPA in the UK make it a specific offence to target a company involved in the vivisection industry with a view to getting them to sever a contract by illegal means.

So what does that mean? Does that mean demonstrations, phone calls and e-mails are now illegal? No it doesn't, but what it does mean is to target a company illegally is. So what does illegally mean? Well, for example, to ring a company up and say they should stop dealing with HLS "or else" is illegal because it is threatening. It is all about using your common sense and proportionality. If you are still unsure please consult the legal booklet. You can always contact us about legal issues and also check out: **www.freebeagles.org**.

SHAC SHOP

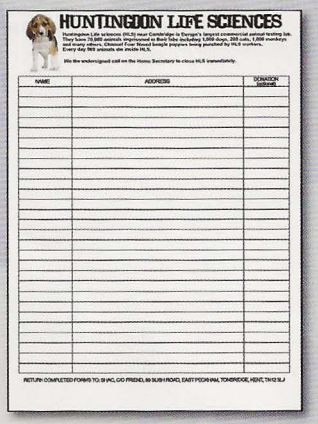
All of these resources and more are available to download for free, in a variety of languages, at:
www.shac.net/resources/download.html

General HLS strip leaflet

Time for Action 4 DVD

Our latest DVD containing:
- Time for Action 1, 2, 3 and 4
- HLS cruelty footage and exposes

HLS Petition



SHAC sticker

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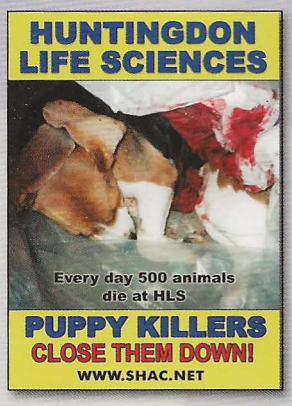

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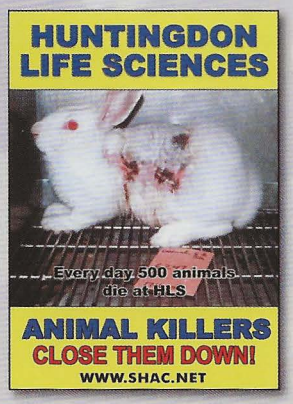

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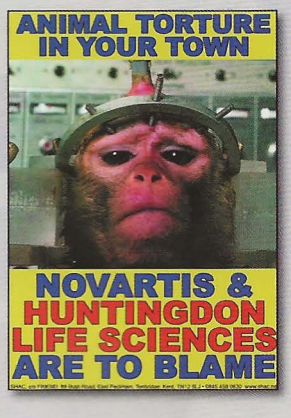


Information pack

Merchandise order form

Merchandise is free unless otherwise stated. All donations welcome!

Complete and return to:
SHAC, c/o FRIEND
89 Bush road, East Peckham, Tonbridge, Kent, TN12 5LJ

Item	Amount	£
HLS general strip leaflet		
Time for Action 4 DVD - £3.00 The brand new 2009 SHAC movie. Comes complete with all previous Time For Action movies and exposes. Footage is non copyright.		
Petitions (please consider printing these from home to help us save funds)		
SHAC sticker (9.8cm x 9.8cm)		
Puppy Killer poster This poster is for demonstrations. Size A2 (42cm x 59.4cm).		
Animal Killer poster This poster is for demonstrations. Size A2 (42cm x 59.4cm).		
Novartis poster This poster is for demonstrations in relation to Novartis. Size A2 (42cm x 59.4cm).		
Infomation pack Contains a campaign overview, comprehensive booklet covering all of the exposes from 1997 to 2008, and one of each current leaflet. Ideal for those who are new to the campaign and want to know more.		
Donations to help towards printing and postage costs are greatly appreciated!		
TOTAL:		

Name: _____ **Tel:** _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Kidnapped from the wild or shipped from filthy farms. Strapped into chairs and forced to inhale toxic gases. Kept in bare metal cages. Welcome to Huntingdon Life Sciences, courtesy of

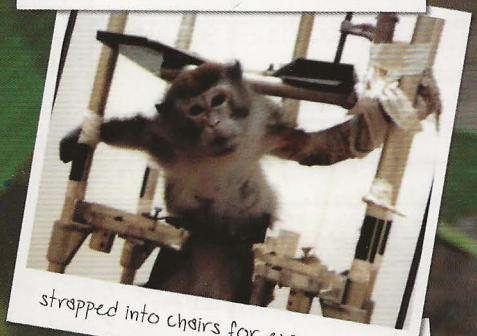
AstraZeneca

AstraZeneca were caught red-handed in late 2008 after an undercover worker filmed inside HLS for the seventh time. There, AstraZeneca had paid for frightened monkeys to be kept in isolation and disgracefully poor conditions. Experiments included strapping monkeys into chairs and forcing them to inhale poisonous gases. Monkeys were so stressed they vomited their own faeces and chewed off their own limbs. AstraZeneca have continued their contract with HLS despite repeatedly witnessing the horror of what goes on behind locked doors, providing them with vital income which is keeping them open.

AstraZeneca are one of HLS' most important customers. Give them a call and politely ask them to stop dealing with HLS!

shipped from Vietnam...

kept in barren cages...



strapped into chairs for experiments...

and then murdered.

020 73045000

www.shac.net/AZ/action.html